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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/559,469
Confirmation Number	1492
Filing Date	April 26, 2000
First Named Inventor	Shinichi KUDO
Group Art Unit	3713
Examiner Name	Binh-An D. Nguyen
Matter Number	Q59040
Title	METHOD OF SWITCHING BACKGROUND IMAGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MOVEMENT OF CHARACTERS, STORAGE MEDIUM FOR STORING PROGRAMS, AND VIDEO GAME DEVICE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. Petition for Extension of Time
- v. Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$790.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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Date May 9, 2005



PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.